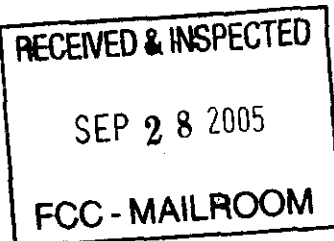


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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Office of General Counsel



September 27, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
Federal High-Cost Support Certification for Rural Carriers in Illinois

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to its May 23, 2001 Rural Task Force ("RTF") Order in the above-referenced proceeding, the Commission required states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the Commission and USAC stating that all federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e). The Commission ruled that states should be required to file annual certifications with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended," consistent with Section 254(e).

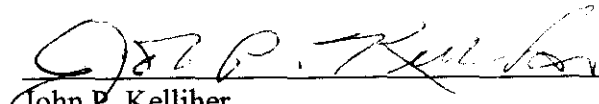
This filing comports with the Commission's requirement. It lists the rural carriers operating in Illinois that have certified to the Illinois Commerce Commission that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

In order to meet the certification requirement, the ICC asked carriers to sign and return a notarized affidavit attesting to the proper use of the federal universal service support. All carriers signed and returned the affidavits. Below is the list of carriers that successfully returned the affidavits. Attached to this letter are copies of the carriers' affidavits for your review.

September 27, 2005

Sincerely,

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION



John P. Kelliher
Acting General Counsel and
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Christine F. Ericson
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Special Assistant Attorneys General
Illinois Commerce Commission
160 N. LaSalle, Suite C-800
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 793-2877

cc: Irene M. Flannery
Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 L Street, NW - Suite 600
Washington, DC 20037

Illinois Certified Rural Carriers

Encl.

LIST OF CERTIFIED RURAL CARRIERS

ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE
ALHAMBRA-GRANTFORK TELEPHONE CO.
BERGEN TELEPHONE CO.
C-R TELEPHONE COMPANY
CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE CO.
CASS TELEPHONE COMPANY
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS
CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC.
EGYPTIAN TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N.
DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY
FLAT ROCK TELEPHONE CO-OP, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - DEPUE, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICAITONS OF LAKESIDE, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - MIDLAND, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MT. PULASKI, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ORION, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - PRAIRIE, INC.
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - SCHUYLER, INC.
GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.
GENESEO TELEPHONE CO.
GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY
GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY
GRANDVIEW MUTUAL TEL.
GRIDLEY TELEPHONE CO.
HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP
HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO.
HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.
HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY
ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY
KINSMAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
LAHARPE TELEPHONE CO. INC.
LEAF RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY
LEONORE MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
MCNABB TELEPHONE CO.
MADISON TELEPHONE COMPANY
MARSEILLES TELEPHONE COMPANY
METAMORA TELEPHONE COMPANY
MID CENTURY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
MONTROSE MUTUAL TEL. CO.
MOULTRIE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
NEW WINDSOR TELEPHONE COMPANY
ONEIDA NETWORK SERVICES, INC.
ONEIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
OTE COMMUNICATIONS

REYNOLDS TELEPHONE CO.
SHARON TELEPHONE CO.
SHAWNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY
STELLE TELEPHONE CO.
TONICA TELEPHONE COMPANY
VERIZON SOUTH, INC.
VIOLA HOME TELEPHONE CO.
WABASH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
WOODHULL COMMUNITY TELEPHONE CO.
YATES CITY TELEPHONE COMPANY

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I, Bill Scranton, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Adams Telephone Co-Operative, and that I am authorized by Adams Telephone Co-Operative to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Adams Telephone Co-Operative receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

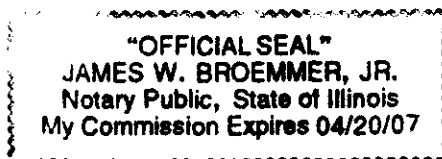
Further affiant sayeth not.

Bill Scranton
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 23th day of August 2005.

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I, Alvin Wilkening, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Alhambra-Grantfork Telephone Co., and that I am authorized by Alhambra-Grantfork Telephone Co. to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Alhambra-Grantfork Telephone Co. receives federal universal service high-cost support.

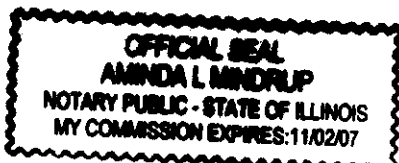
3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

Alvin Wilkening
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 5th day of August

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Amanda L. Mindrup
Notary Public

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I, DeAnna Miller, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Bergen Telephone Co., and
that I am authorized by Bergen Telephone Co. to execute this affidavit.

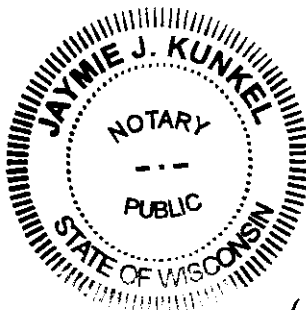
2. I certify that Bergen Telephone Co. receives federal
universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision,
maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended,
consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

DeAnna Miller
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 10 day of August 2005
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Jaymie J. Kunkel
Notary Public

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I, Scott D. Rubins, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Cambridge Telephone Co., and that I am authorized by Cambridge Telephone Co. to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Cambridge Telephone Co. receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

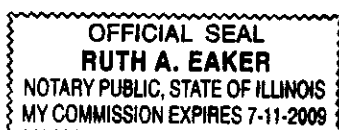
Scott D. Rubins
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 3rd day of August 2005.

Ruth A. Eaker
Notary Public

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I, Donald L. Bell, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Cass Telephone Company, and that I am authorized by Cass Telephone Company to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Cass Telephone Company receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

Donald L. Bell
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 18th day of August 2005

Hollie Reid
Notary Public

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I, Gregg C. Sayre, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

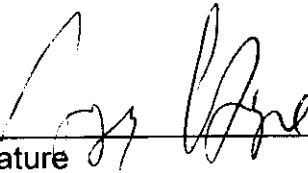
1. I am employed by and an officer of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois and that I am authorized by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

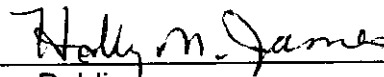
Further affiant sayeth not.

Signature



Subscribed and sworn to me this 17th day of August 2005.

Notary Public



My Commission Expires:

HOLLY M. JAMES
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Monroe County
My Commission Expires Nov. 30, 2006

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COUNTY OF CLARK

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1. PATRICIA RHODES being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:I am employed by and an officer of CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.
that I am authorized by CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. to execute this affidavit.2. I certify that CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO. receives federal
universal service high-cost support.3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision,
maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is allocated,
consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affidavit says: not.

Patricia Rhodes
SignatureSubscribed and sworn to me this 2nd day of SEPTEMBER 2005.Jo Ellen Rich
Notary Public

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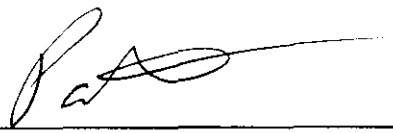
I, Patrick L. Morse, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of C-R Telephone Company, and that I am authorized by C-R Telephone Company to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that C-R Telephone Company receives federal universal service high-cost support.

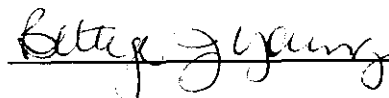
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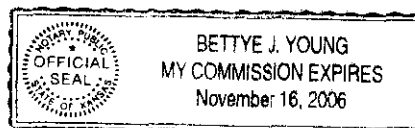
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Subscribed and sworn to me this 19th day of August 2005.



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I GEORGE RAWLINSON, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE, and that I am authorized by BOARD OF DIR to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

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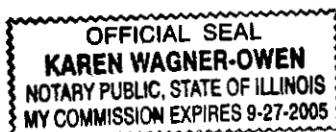
George R. Rawlinson
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 18th day of August 2005
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Karen Wagner-Owen
Notary Public

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I, Gerald Krueger, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Diverse Communications, and that I am authorized by Diverse Communications Inc. to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Diverse Communications Inc. receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

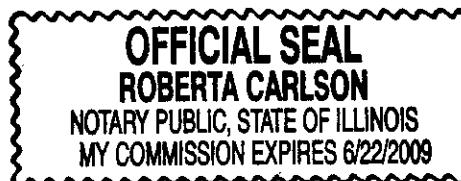
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Subscribed and sworn to me this 26 day of August 2002.

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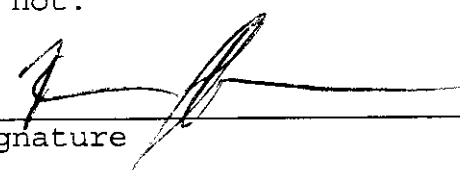
I, Kevin J. Jacobsen, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association and that I am authorized by Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association to execute this affidavit.

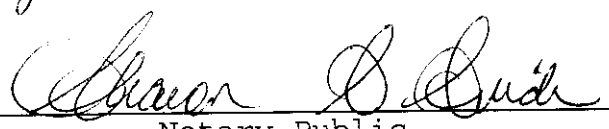
2. I certify that Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association receives federal universal service high-cost support.

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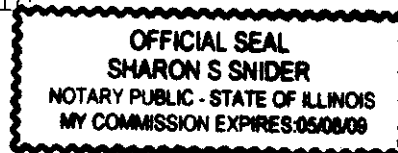
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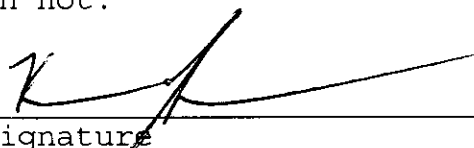
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Further affiant sayeth not.



Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 5th day of August 2005.



Notary Public

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SHARON S SNIDER
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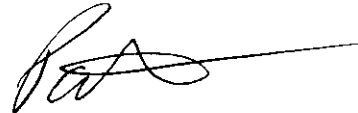
I, Patrick L. Morse, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of El Paso Telephone Company, and that I am authorized by El Paso Telephone Company to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that El Paso Telephone Company receives federal universal service high-cost support.

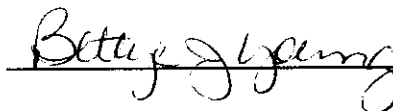
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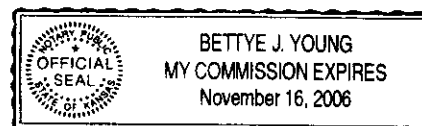


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I, Kevin J. Jacobsen, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by and an officer of Flat Rock Telephone Co-Op, Inc. and that I am authorized by Flat Rock Telephone Co-Op, Inc. to execute this affidavit.
2. I certify that Flat Rock Telephone Co-Op, Inc. receives federal universal service high-cost support.
3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

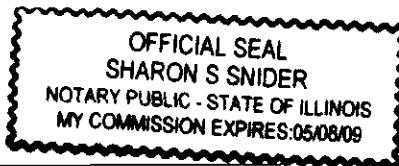
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Sharon S Snider
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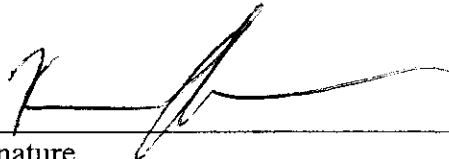
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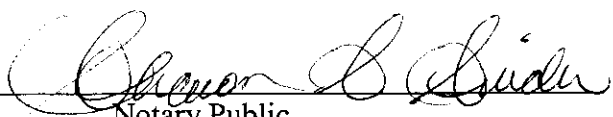
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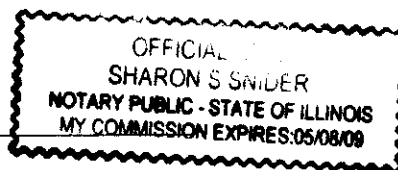
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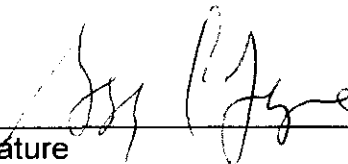
1. I am employed by and an officer of Frontier Communications of DePue, Inc. and that I am authorized by Frontier Communications of DePue, Inc. to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Frontier Communications of DePue, Inc. receives federal universal service high-cost support.

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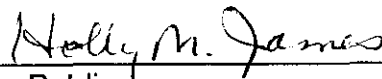
Further affiant sayeth not.

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Notary Public



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Notary Public, State of New York
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My Commission Expires Nov. 30, 2006

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I, Gregg C. Sayre, being first duly sworn, depose and state that:


1. I am employed by and an officer of Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. and that I am authorized by Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. receives federal universal service high-cost support.

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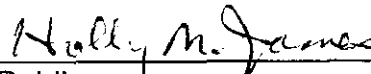
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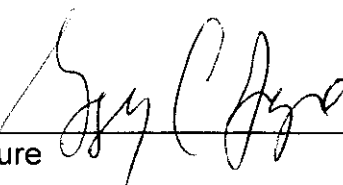
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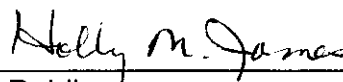
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Notary Public



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1. I am employed by and an officer of Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc. and that I am authorized by Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc. to execute this affidavit.

2. I certify that Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc. receives federal universal service high-cost support.

3. I further certify that such support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Further affiant sayeth not.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 17th day of August 2005.

Notary Public

HOLLY M. JAMES
Notary Public, State of New York
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1. I am employed by and an officer of Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc. and that I am authorized by Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc. to execute this affidavit.

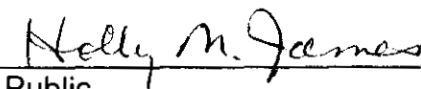
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